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Student Biography

For the next couple of weeks, I will have the privilege of working with a sweet third grader named Quaniesha. Quaniesha is the youngest of five children and the only girl. She says that they are mean to her most of the time, but I think she really meant that they pick on her and like to agitate her.

Quaniesha says that she loves to read and her favorite books are Fancy Nancy books. Her favorite subject is science because she loves experiments and she likes math the least because there is too much to remember. When she grows up, she would like to be a teacher, and her face lit up when I told her that all of the people in my class, the teachers that were there to help, were getting pretty close to finishing college so that we could be teachers ourselves.

When Quaniesha is at home, the things she does for fun are play her X-Box, she likes the sports on the game, but doesn’t play any for real, and she plays outside with her three dogs. Dogs are her favorite animals as far as pets. If we were talking animals that you can see at the zoo, the cheetahs would be at the top of the list followed by lions, monkeys, and birds. She told me, matter-of-factly, that cheetahs can run 10 times faster than a lion. She said that she only watches the Disney channel if she’s watching television and when her family listens to the radio it is always gospel music, which she enjoys.

Quaniesha says that she enjoys reading every day and even reads for fun sometimes. She owns a couple of books, but doesn’t remember if she was read to as a child. She said that she has been to the public library a few times and could get us there if she needed to and in the event that she went, she would definitely check out a book. The idea of getting a book as a gift seemed like an exciting thing to her because she grew a little smile when I posed the question.

I decided to ask Quaniesha what she wanted to learn about with me, like what kind of books she wanted to read, if there was a certain person she would like to learn more about. Without any hesitation, and in a moment’s time she responded with Martin Luther King, Jr. With that, the decision was made. Our unit will be all about Dr. King and she will be enlightened about all of the difference that he made for this country.